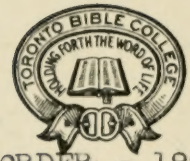

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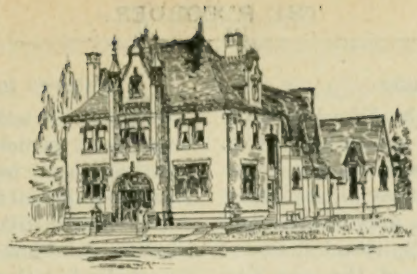

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CONTRIBUTIONS.—Any friends desiring to have fellowship in the work may send their contributions to the Treasurer, J. N. Shenstone, Esq., 40 Walmer Road, Toronto, or to any officer of the School.

The New Session.

The Fifteenth Session of the Bible Training School opened on the 22nd of September. The attendance of students is very gratifying. There is a marked increase in the three Evening Classes especially, which are now larger than they have ever been. The members enrolled up to date are 46 in the Day Classes and about 200 in the Evening Classes. Several returned missionaries are taking courses of study with us during their period of furlough. We trust our friends will continue to remember this important work in earnest prayer.

Bible Study.

The real study of the Word of God has a character that is all its own. There are conditions which mark it out as different from the study of any other subject. Among these may be specified the four following:—Spiritual discernment, or that quality of the new life which enables its possessor to know experimentally the things of the Spirit of God; earnest attention, so that the truth may be searched for as hidden treasures, and meditated on day and night; child-like humility, which receives the engrafted word with meekness, and takes its statements just as they read; and fervent prayer that the Spirit who gave the Word may throw light on the sacred page, and open up its true meaning.

As to methods of Bible study, six may be named as most important. The first of these is its study by books, or the synthetic method, according to which each one of the 66 books of the Bible,—39 in the Old Testament, and 27 in the New,—is made the subject of continuous and repeated examination, till a clear and connected view is obtained of its sublime teaching and purpose. The second of the methods is the topical or inductive method, consisting of a study of the leading doctrines taught in the Bible, such as sin, salvation, grace, faith, repentance, prayer and many others, the method adopted by the great evangelist, Mr. Moody. The third is the study by dates and dispensations, about which an early Christian writer has well said, "Distinguish the ages, and the Scriptures will harmonize." A fourth is the study by biographies, bringing out lessons of weighty moment from the lives and experiences of Bible characters. A fifth is the study by types; and a sixth the study by chapters, verses, and even single words.

It goes without saying that in the use of any or all of these methods there must be vigorous mental application. But it must never be forgotten that no method of Bible study is of avail, which is carried on independently of the constant and conscious recognition of the need of the Holy Spirit, the one Source of light and light.

Lectures in Our Building.

Several Christian, missionary and benevolent societies now hold their meetings in our building, at a time when it is not required for the regular classes. All of these institutions are distinctively Christian and inter-denominational, and we gladly bid them God-speed in their work. There are also certain courses of lectures given in our hall, under the auspices of organizations in which many of the officers and friends of the Bible Training School have the warmest interest. One of these is a course of monthly lectures on subjects connected with the Return of our Lord, and another is the occasional lectures provided by the Toronto Branch of the American Bible League. We have the utmost confidence in the brethren who make arrangements for these different lectures, and in their entire loyalty to the truthfulness, inspiration and authority of God's Holy Word. At the same time we would like all our friends to remember that these lectures are not provided by the Bible Training School, and are not a part of our regular course of study. The School, therefore, should not be held responsible for any statement or line of argument, to which exception may be taken. Even the Bible League, whose great aim is to vindicate the Divine authority of the Bible, stipulates that it should not be required to endorse all the utterances of its lecturers.

Gone to Foreign Fields.

No fewer than six of our students have recently left Canada to engage in missionary service in distant lands. Miss M. K. Brown, who sailed from New York in the end of July, under the auspices of the South American Mission, has been married to Mr. E. C. Austin, a former graduate of the School and the first Canadian missionary to Peru. They are stationed for a time in the City of Lima. Miss E. Jaeger, now Mrs. T. E. Hitch, sailed with her husband from Vancouver in the beginning of October, for Japan, where they expect to begin an independent mission. Miss Etta Leaper, one of our first graduates, was

recently married to Mr. Waters, a missionary to Africa. They have gone to labor among the natives of Swaziland, in connection with the South African Mission. Miss Charlotte Vancoe and Miss Helen Reikie sailed last month from Vancouver for China, where they expect to labor under the direction of the China Inland Mission. Miss Carrie Zimmerman, who received private instruction from Dr. Stewart during the summer months, has sailed for India with a company of Canadian Baptist missionaries, who have been accepted for service among the Telugus. Letters have also been received from Mr. George Sanderson, of the Sudan Interior Mission, telling of his safe arrival in Northorn Nigeria, and his entrance on his work. Let special prayers continue to be offered that the Lord of the harvest will open up the way to all these dear friends, and give them great blessing on their distant fields.

Appreciative Letters.

Never have we received stronger letters commendatory of the work of the School than during the past three months. They come from former students, as well as from other friends who have fellowship with us in maintaining the institution. It would not perhaps be wise to publish these, but there is one of them, from which we venture to make an extract. A Christian mother from Leduc, Alberta, whose daughter, a student with us last session, has lately gone to missionary service in China, recently wrote to Mr. McNicol, a letter referring to the work of the School, and enclosing a liberal donation towards its support. We take the liberty of giving to our readers the last paragraph of our friend's letter:

"I believe that the Bible Training Schools are doing a great work for Christ in our day, in upholding His Word. If the Theological students studied more in a line with your teaching, there would be more power in the pulpit, more consecrated Christian lives, and more souls saved."

Reading Room and Library.

The lady to whom we have been indebted for twelve years for the excellent supply of Christian papers and magazines, including valuable missionary literature, coming to our reading room, has again made her annual donation for this worthy object. An addition of about 30 useful volumes has been recently made to the library of the School by Rev. Dr. McTavish and Mr. George Anderson from friends in the Central Presbyterian Church of this City. Our President, Dr. Harris, has given to the School a fine set of stereoscopic views, making a library illustrating the Holy Land. Our hearty thanks are extended to these friends for their useful gifts.

Student Societies.

The Students' Executive Committee was organized at the opening of the Session, with Mr. T. R. Sorton as Chairman, and Miss Abbie Garbutt as Secretary.

The Evangelistic Society, under the leadership of Mr. Lloyd Rist, carried on open air work in the down town section of the city as long as the weather permitted. They have also had charge of meetings in the King St. and Yonge St. Missions. During the winter the students expect to conduct two gospel meetings every week.

The Missionary Society, of which Mr. Troyer is President, has planned a helpful series of meetings for mission study and prayer.

Mr. J. M. Sampson.

The death of one of our recent students, Jacob M. Sampson, took place at the Weston Hospital on the 13th of August. Though not more than twenty-two when he died he had suffered much for the cause of Christ. The only son of Jewish parents in the City of Lodz, Poland, he had been cast out and disowned when he became a Christian. He made his way to this country, and became a student of the Bible Training School about three years ago. In the spring of 1907 he was sent to begin a work among the foreigners of Brantford. His knowledge of several European languages, his tactful manner and earnest spirit fitted him well for this work, and he did splendid service until his health gave way.

Students' Public Meeting.

The next Students' Public Meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall of the School, on Monday evening, December 7th, 1908, with the following programme:

Chairman's Address,	REV. ELMORE HARRIS, D.D.
MR. J. G. MCCALL,	"The Unchanging Christ."
MISS MAY MCDONALD,	"Christian Service."
MR. J. S. MUSSELMAN,	"Come Thou with Us."
MISS MYRTLE MOORE,	"At the Feet of Jesus."
MR. T. R. SORTON,	"Praising the Lord."

Notes.

WE expect to welcome several new students in the beginning of January.

WE hope that our friends in the City will remember the Students' Public Meeting on Monday, Dec. 7th. See programme above. All are invited.

MR. W. C. FRANK, late of Bowmanville, Ont., one of our early graduates, has entered the ministry of the Methodist Church at Alberni, B.C.

THE written examinations of this term will take place from Dec. 14th to 23rd. The work of the new term will be resumed on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 1909.

REV. S. R. DRAKE, who was a faithful student with us for two sessions, has been elected General Superintendent or Bishop of the British Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. JAMES DESSON, whose labors in Norwood, Ont., have been much blessed, has entered on a new sphere of service in the young and flourishing town of Sudbury.

WE very gladly welcome to our classes for a time Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Horne, who are home on furlough, after years of successful missionary service in China. Mr. Horne was a student of the School twelve years ago.

MISS M. ALMA ROGERS, President of the Fletcher Musical Association, who has taken courses of lectures with us for some years, was married in July to Rev. M. L. Wright, Methodist minister of St. Lambert, Que. We wish them both much happiness.

AMONG the different nationalities represented in the student body this session are two Tamils from India, two Jews from Poland, one young man from China, and one from Japan. All these six are Christians, who expect after a course of Bible study to labor among their own people.

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